

**CITY OF MARSHALL  
AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, March 9, 2021
<b>Category:</b>	CONSENT AGENDA
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization of acceptance of a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for the Southwest Chemical Assessment Team and to authorize the Director of Public Safety Jim Marshall to administer the grant.
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>The Southwest Minnesota Chemical Assessment Team (CAT) is the hazardous materials response team for both the City of Marshall and the 14 counties of West-Central and South-West Minnesota. The team is funded through a state grant that provides for all operating expenses.</p> <p>Hazardous materials spills are fortunately rare events, but when they do occur, they require a rapid response. The CAT Team is designed to support and supplement local fire departments within our region and provide guidance and direction to what the response should be to any hazardous material. A significant amount of continued training is needed to ensure the CAT Team can respond to these critical incidents.</p> <p>The City of Marshall has been awarded a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant (HMEP) that supplements these training requirements of CAT members. This grant will fund the required advanced training that will be given specifically to the Southwest Chemical Assessment Team for Hazmat (Technician &amp; Operations) training.</p> <p>All matching requirements of the HMEP grant will come through the operating dollars of the SW MN CAT team. A copy of the Grant Agreement is attached.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	The grant is for \$19,222.00, with a match requirement of \$4,805.00.
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	None
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Consider acceptance of a HMEP Grant for the Southwest MN Chemical Assessment Team and to authorize the Director of Public Safety Jim Marshall to administer the grant.